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Aloha,

My name is Lisa Kreitzer and I am writing on behalf of Ocean Devotion Hawai'i. We are a Kailua based organization. Our mission is to pick up the marine debris and trash on our windward beaches. We are also active in educating our keiki on the amazing wildlife that is present on the Windward side, as well as the important role they have in protecting their environment.

We are in favor of a ban on single use plastic bags. We believe this will have an important and positive impact on our community. As Ocean Devotion Hawai'i, we pick up an alarming number of single use plastic bags from our beaches, parks, fences and landscape. We have seen single use plastic bags blowing off of garbage trucks and have pulled them from our ocean. Living on an island brings added responsibility. We believe that putting an end to the use of single use plastic bags will help to protect our wildlife and create less trash on our land and ocean.

Due to the negative presence that single use plastic bags have in our community, we find that we have to address them specifically when working with our keiki. We spend time talking about how to dispose of them properly so they will not easily blow through the community, getting caught on trees etc. We talk about the dangers to our wildlife should a single use plastic bag end up in the ocean. If this one item was removed from our community, we would be able to focus our lessons on other important aspects of our environment.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in this manner.

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